Case 1:10-cv-05706-SAS Document 7 Filed 09/02/10 Page 1 of 12 **USDC SDNY DOCUMENT** Steven Craig 1 **ELECTRONICALLY FILED** 355 South End Ave, 27L 2 3 New York, NY 10280 DATE FILED: Q 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 6 DISTRICT OF NEW YORK **Steven Craig** Case# 1:10-cv-5706-SAS=HBP Plaintiff, **MOTION TO STRIKE** VS. **DEFENDEANTS ENTIRE ANSWER** The Bank Of New York Mellon AS NON RESPONSIVE Corporation, f/k/a The Bank Of New York Defendant 7 Date: Sept. 1, 2010 8 9 10 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO STRIKE 11 A. Introduction Plaintiff is: Steven Craig, 355 S. End Avenue, 27L, New York NY 10280, and 12 13 defendant is: The Bank Of New York Mellon Corporation, f/k/a The Bank Of New York On July 28th, 2010, plaintiff sued defendant for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, fraud 14 15 by nondisclosure, and violations of various consumer protection laws. 16 On July 28th, 2010, plaintiff filed with the court an ORIGINAL COMPLAINT. On 17 8/20/10 an extension of time to answer was desired by Defendant and was granted by Plaintiff 18 4. The complaint, although long, adhered to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and stated 19 numerous claims upon which relief can be granted. Plaintiffs claims were very specific, and 20 were drafted simplistically enough to assure a specific response was given. 21 5. After an extension of time was granted to law firm #1 (Bryan Cave LLP) to answer the 22 claims, a "secondary attorney firm" (Rosicki, Rosicki Associates P.C.) law firm #2, offered a MOTION TO STRIKE ANSWER & MOTIONS FOR SANCTIONS 1 of 9

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- response. Both claim to represent the defendant. Defendant's attorney #2 submitted a general denial.
  - 6. It seems obvious to the Plaintiff that careful time, consideration and attention were not paid to the valid claims in the Plaintiffs suit, and failed to meet answering ANY of the claims with specificity. The answer is not being presented for any proper purpose, and is seemingly entered to cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation.

- 7. Defendants 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Affirmative Defenses Failure to state a claim. Plaintiff maintains that numerous claims are properly stated and meet the federal rule of civil procedure. Defendant fails to state which of the numerous claims he think failed the Federal Procedures Rules with specificity. It is a bald speculation to make the claim that all 170 paragraphs fail to state ANY claim upon which relief can be granted. Defendant fails to back up his answer with any case law, memorandum of law, or any other tools which the court allows. Defendants 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> affirmative Defense must be stricken as non responsive.
- 8. Defendants 3<sup>rd</sup> Affirmative Defense Non Compliance of FRCP and "other rules".
  Counsel has failed to offer which claims fail to meet which rules with specificity, and by doing so, it is impossible for Plaintiff to respond to such an allegation. This is simply an attorney who is wasting the time of the court and the Plaintiff, and attempting to raise the costs to the Plaintiff.

  Defendants 3rd affirmative Defense must be stricken as non responsive.
  - 9. Defendants 4th, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Affirmative Defenses Claims are Barred Plaintiff maintains that all of his claims fall within the scope of the Federal Rules and US Statutes. Defendant fails to state which of the numerous claims he thinks meet the Statutory limitations Rules. Allegations are made, some which try and point blame at Plaintiff, however Defendant fails to back up his defense with any case law, memorandum of law, or any other tools which the court allows, or can rule upon. Defendants 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup>,6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> affirmative Defense must be stricken as non responsive.
  - 10. Defendants 9<sup>th</sup> Affirmative Defense Plaintiff has no recollection of any cases, current or in the past that involve current defendant and claims that are being made in this instant case. This defense is so vague, a proper responsive pleading cannot be offered. Affirmative Defense # 9 must be stricken as non responsive

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11. Defendants 10<sup>th</sup> Affirmative Defense – Lack of Payments. Plaintiff is unaware of the defensive strategy that counsel is trying to bring forth in this matter. Since Plaintiff is unaware of the Defendants posture on this situation, a response can simply not be offered. This too, is very vague, and a proper response is impossible. <u>Affirmative Defense # 10 must be stricken as non responsive</u>

#### Conclusion:

Defendant attorney # 2 seems to offer this miniscule response because the "paragraphs" were not numbered. Plaintiff would like to notice this court and counsel that there are clearly numbered lines throughout all of the documents offered in this instant case. Plaintiff took much care, time and attention to make sure he followed the rule of procedure. Claims have been properly made with specificity, and counsel has chosen to ignore the specificity. When an extension of time is granted by Plaintiff to answer the suit, and an answer is given that is illogical, incomprehensible and an obvious waste of time, there cannot be any reason to think Defendants counsel has any serious thought about wanting to proceed civilly, and in a costly manner, both to the Plaintiff and to his alleged client.

16 <u>PRAYER</u>

Plaintiff Requests the Following:

- a. Defendants entire Answer be stricken from the record.
- b. A hearing be had, with Plaintiff and both of Defendants attorneys showing who truly claims to represent the Defendant in the agency capacity. Please note, there are two separate attorney firms who have offered sworn documentation that they have "Agency".
- c. Plaintiff requests that Plaintiff attorney be sanctioned under rule 11 of FRCP. Please see attached motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Craig

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	Plaintiff,		
	VS.	ORDER ON MOTION TO STRIKE	
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	Defendant		
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12	DENIES the request.		
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18	a time and location for a hearing to prove AGENCY.		
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21	MOTION TO STRIKE ANSWER & MOTIONS		

Steven Craig 1 355 South End Ave, 27L New York, NY 10280 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 5 **Steven Craig** Case# 1:10-cv-5706-SAS=HBP Plaintiff. **MOTION FOR FILE 11 SANCTIONS** VS. The Bank Of New York Mellon Corporation, f/k/a The Bank Of New York Defendant 6 7 PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM IN 8 SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR RULE 11 SANCTIONS 9 Plaintiff asks the court to impose sanctions against Andrew Morganstern, Esq. counsel for 10 Defendant, hereinafter referred to counsel for Defendant, for filing Defendants Answer in 11 violation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11(b). 12 A. Introduction 13 1. Plaintiff is Steven Craig, defendant is The Bank Of New York Mellon Corporation, 14 f/k/a The Bank Of New York 15 Plaintiff sued defendant for numerous violations including but not limited to violations of the Truth In ending Act, The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, The Home equity 16 17 Protection Act, Fraud, Common law Fraud, Breach of Fiduciary duties, .Et Al. 18 On 8/30/10 counsel for Defendant filed defendants answer. 19 B. Argument 20 The court may impose sanctions on a party, an attorney, or a law firm, for presenting a 21 pleading, written motion, or other paper for an improper purpose, such as to harass or cause 22 unnecessary delay or expense. Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b)(1), (c)(1). Also, the court may impose

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- sanctions on a party, an attorney, or a law firm, for presenting a pleading, written motion, or
- 2 other paper that includes any of the following: (1) claims, defenses, or contentions not
- 3 warranted by existing law or by a good-faith argument for extending, modifying, or reversing
- 4 existing law or for establishing new law; (2) allegations that do not have, or are unlikely to have
- 5 after a reasonable investigation, evidentiary support; or (3) denials unwarranted by the evidence.
- 6 Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b)(2)-(4), (c)(1).
- 7 6. counsel for Defendant's filing of "Defendants Answer" violated Rule 11 because
- 8 counsel for Defendant filed the document for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause an
- 9 unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b)(1);
- 10 Mercury Air Group, Inc. v. Mansour, 237 F.3d, 542, 548 (5th Cir. 2001). Specifically, The
- answer or affirmative defenses make bald allegations that claims are stated improperly, claims
- are time barred due to limitation on statutory procedure, and that the court lacks jurisdiction over
- 13 the Defendant. However, the Defendant failed to offer any further information as to HOW his
- 14 defenses are justified, or how Plaintiff specifically failed to meet Federal Rules of Civil
- 15 Procedure, or "other procedures" as it was so offered. This is seemingly a waste of time, and
- intentionally done to cause unnecessary delay, and cost to the Plaintiff.
- 7. Before imposing sanctions, the court should determine whether the party or the attorney
- made a reasonable inquiry into the facts or the law before signing and presenting the document.
- 19 See Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b); Townsend v. Holman Consulting Corp., 929 F.2d 1358, 1364-65 (9th
- 20 Cir. 1990). The court should impose sanctions against counsel for Defendant because he did not
- 21 make a reasonable inquiry into the facts or law before filing the answer He offered no court
- cases, information, rules or procedures as to how, why, or what specifically failed to meet the
- criteria he uses as a defense. Please note, this was answered in this manner after an extension of
- 24 time to answer was agreed upon.
- 8. The court should impose the following sanctions: Monetary Sanctions, and Striking Of
- 26 Pleadings of the defendant. The requested sanctions are sufficient to deter repetition of the
- 27 sanctionable conduct. Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(c)(4); Fries v. Helsper, 146 F.3d 452, 458-59 (7th Cir.
- 28 1998). Plaintiffs suit makes very strong claims and allegations, which can be proved at trial, and
- demands that his complaint be taken seriously. Counsel for Defendant failed to address the suit
- with specificity, and by the court allowing sanctions in this case, the counsel will take the case
- 31 with serious intention.

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2 <u>C. Conclusion</u>

9. Defendants answer failed to address with specificity, as to why the defenses counsel for Defendant used, were valid. They are wasting the time of the Plaintiff and the Court, and are shadowing the seriousness of the case at hand. For these reasons, Plaintiff asks the court to impose sanctions of a Monetary amount to be determined by the court, and a Striking of Defendants answer in its entirety against counsel for Defendant.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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**Steven Craig** 

Plaintiff,

VS.

The Bank Of New York Mellon

Corporation, f/k/a The Bank Of New York

Defendant

Case# 1:10-cv-5706-SAS=HBP

MOTION TO DISQUALIFY OPPOSING COUNSEL

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# PLAINTIFFS MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISQUALIFY OPPOSING COUNSEL

Plaintiff asks the court to disqualify opposing counsel from further representation of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation f/k/a The Bank of New York.

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### A. Introduction

- 1. Plaintiff is Steven Craig; defendant is The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation f/k/a The Bank of New York; opposing counsel is Andrew Morganstern of Rosicki, Rosicki Associates, P.C.
- 2. Plaintiff sued defendant for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, fraud by nondisclosure, and violations of various consumer protection laws.
- 3. Plaintiff asks the court to disqualify opposing counsel from further representation of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation f/k/a The Bank of New York because it is a clear conflict of interest. The law firm of Rosicki, Rosicki Associates, P.C. acted as the attorney for the seller AND foreclosing bank at the closing of the subject property indicated in this suit. (Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. in Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Kings Index No,: 2269/2005. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc as nominee and mortgagee of record and Wells Fargo Bank, NA. vs. Walid Mitwalli, et al.)
- 4. Plaintiff attended the closing for the property, 1327 Prospect Place, Brooklyn New York, 11213, the subject matter of the above foreclosure of mortgage suit which is the same property identified in this instant matter of Steven Craig vs. The Bank of New York

- 30 Mellon Corporation f/k/a the Bank of New York. Plaintiff personally attended the closing
- of the sale at Rosicki, Rosicki Associates, P.C offices at 2 Summit Court, Suite 301,
- 32 Fishkill NY 12524 on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006 where most of the violations of consumer
- protection laws, fraud by non-disclosure, and the breach of fiduciary duty indicated
- in this suit allegedly occurred.

## B. Argument

- 5. If a lawyer becomes a witness, he is disqualified from acting as a lawyer in the case. *International Woodworkers v. Chesapeake Bay Plywood Corp.*, 659 F.2d 1259, 1273 (4th Cir. 1981). When trial counsel foresees the possibility that he or she may testify on behalf of the party about fact issues other than attorney fees, the lawyer should resolve any doubt in favor of preserving the integrity of the evidence and against continued participation as trial counsel. *See* Model Code of Prof. Responsibility EC 5-9, 5-10 (2000).
- 6. If a lawyer is in a position to use privileged information obtained through representation of a former client in matters that are substantially related to the current litigation, the lawyer and the law firm should be disqualified. *Cromley v. Board of Educ.*, 17 F.3d 1059, 1064 (7th Cir. 1994); *Fund of Funds, Ltd. v. Arthur Andersen & Co.*, 567 F.2d 225, 235-36 (2d Cir. 1977). The substantial relationship test requires proof that the facts of the earlier representation are so related to the facts in the pending litigation that a genuine threat exists that confidences revealed to former counsel will be divulged to a present adversary. *See Cole v. Ruidoso Mun. Sch.*, 43 F.3d 1373, 1384 (10th Cir. 1994); *Cromley*, 17 F.3d at 1064.
- 7. It is likely that opposing counsel will testify on behalf of Defendant about fact issues other than attorney fees. Specifically, opposing counsel has personal knowledge of fact issues about the sale of 1327 Prospect Place, the subject property of this suit. Due to the fact that opposing counsel has knowledge of fact issues in the case other than attorney fees, the court should disqualify then from further representation of Defendant.

### C. Conclusion

8. Attorneys at the Law Firm Rosicki, Rosicki Associates, P.C. allegedly acted in collusion with the Defendant and or other lenders and attorneys at the closing of the subject property, and have first hand knowledge and participation regarding the facts of this case. It is intended to either call the Attorneys for Defendant as a witness, or further name Attorneys for Defendant as a co-Defendant in this case subsequent to discovery. For these reasons, Plaintiff asks the court to disqualify opposing counsel from further participation in this suit.

Respectfully,

Steven Craig

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